

SITUATION REPORT NO. 28
INCIDENT NO. 2005-075
DATE: July 26, 2005 Time: 4:00 p.m.

TO: Governor John Hoeven
State Capitol
Bismarck ND 58505

1. **NATURE OF DISASTER:** **Severe Summer Storms and Flooding** – On July 22, North Dakota received a Presidential Disaster declaration for severe storms, flooding and ground saturation.
2. **DEATHS AND INJURIES:** The Adams County Emergency Manager reported staff at the Hettinger hospital treated and released two people for minor cuts, abrasions and bruises as a result of a July 24 hail storm.
3. **DAMAGES:** An outlook, issued July 25 by the Grand Forks Office of the National Weather Service (NWS), indicated Devils Lake has risen to 1,449.1 feet, tying its historic record set last year on July 17, 2004. The outlook for the lake, which has no outlet, shows a range of 50 to 90 percent that the lake will remain at this elevation. There is a 20 to 40 percent change of the lake rising to 1,449.2 feet and 10 percent chance of it reaching 1,449.3 feet.

On July 26, the Bismarck Office of the NWS forecast indicates there is no hazardous weather expected. The Grand Forks Office of the NWS forecast indicates there is a chance of thunderstorms during the afternoon and evening of July 27. Large hail will be the primary threat.

River Statements

Flood warnings remain in effect for the Souris River at Westhope; and the Willow Creek near Willow City.

River forecasts from the NWS, based on current observations, are as follows:

River	Flood Stage	Last Report	Comments
Souris River near Westhope	10 feet	13.60 feet at 9:00 a.m. July 26	River trend is falling
Willow Creek near Willow City	10 feet	13.36 feet at 8:00 a.m. July 26	River trend is falling

The State Operations Center (SOC) received the following reports of storm activity from local emergency managers and agricultural officials:

Adams County

An initial assessment of the July 21 storm indicates that golf ball- to baseball-size hail damaged approximately 1,000 cars. Two telephone transformers were damaged, resulting in a loss of service to most county residents and interrupted service for approximately 45 households. In addition, a severe hail storm passed through the county on July 24 near the city of Reeder, where small hail accumulated into drifts. Minor structural and vehicle damage was also reported.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) County Emergency Board (CEB) reported the July 21 hail storm damaged approximately 20,000 acres of cropland and equipment and buildings at 50 farmsteads.

Hettinger County

The Emergency Manager reported that on July 24 the county received up to 1.80 of rain. Hail has been reported 14 to 16 miles north of Mott.

4. **RESOURCES:**

LOCAL: No changes from previous reports.

STATE: No changes from previous reports.

FEDERAL: No changes from previous reports.

5. **VOLUNTEER ACTIONS:** No change from previous reports.

6. **MAJOR ACTIONS:** The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the N.D. Department of Emergency Services' Division of Homeland Security will conduct Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program applicant briefings on July 28 and July 29 for counties and tribal nations included in the July 22 presidential disaster declaration.

- **Thursday, July 28, 9:30 a.m. – Minot**
Ward County Courthouse, 315 3rd Street SE, Community Room
- **Thursday, July 28, 3:00 p.m. – Devils Lake**
Ramsey County Courthouse, 525 4th Ave. NE, Lower Level Meeting Room
- **Friday, July 29, 9:30 a.m. – Ellendale**
Fireside Steak House, U.S. Highway 281

On July 26, the N.D. Division of Homeland Security requested that Mountrail, Pembina, Ransom, Renville, Rolette and Towner counties and the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation be included in the presidential disaster declaration, FEMA-1597-DR. These areas experienced considerable damage related to severe summer storms in June. The incident period for the declaration opened June 1 and closed July 7.

On July 25, commissioners for the Towner and Renville Counties declared an emergency.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: No change from previous reports.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No changes from previous reports.
9. OTHER INFORMATION: The N.D. Division of Homeland Security's Situation Reports are posted on the Division's Internet home page. The address is <http://www.state.nd.us/dem>.

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